

## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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Sent via email to: <a href="mailto:info@judicialwatch.org">info@judicialwatch.org</a>
Ms. Lisette Garcia
425 Third Street, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20024

Dear Ms. Garcia:

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST;

FOIA CASE NUMBER DON2013F041980; FOIA TRACKING NUMBER

DON-NAVY-2013-000114

During the processing of your July 26, 2012, Freedom of Information Act request, personnel with the Department of Defense, Office of Freedom of Information (DODOFOI) identified in their files documents (21 pages) originated by the Navy and referred them to this Department for a release determination. That referral was received by this Department on September 26, 2013.

Please be advised that, as of February 1, 2014, DON joined FOIAonline as a participating agency. As a result of this transition, the tracking number of your FOIA request has been changed from Case Number DON2013F041980 to DON-NAVY-2013-000114.

After consulting with the United States Naval Academy (USNA), Naval Post Graduate School (NPS), Naval War College (NWC), Naval Education and Training Command (NETC), Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), and Fleet Readiness and Logistics (N4) and upon review of the responsive documents, we have determined that certain personally identifiable information, such as the names and phone numbers of individuals mentioned in the documents, are exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), since release of this information would result in a clearly unwarranted invasion of their personal privacy.

Because your request is partially denied, you are advised of your right to appeal the denial of your request by writing to:

Office of the Judge Advocate General 1322 Patterson Ave, SE, Ste 3000 Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066

Your appeal must be postmarked within sixty calendar days from the date of this letter. A copy of your initial request and this letter must accompany the appeal. The appeal should be marked "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL" both on the envelope and the face of the letter. In order to expedite the appellate process and ensure full consideration of your appeal, your appeal should contain a brief statement of the reasons you believe this decision to be in error.

In this instance, the fees associated with the processing of this request were below the minimum threshold and have not been assessed. Please be advised, however, that fees, fee categories, and fee waivers are determined on a case-by-case basis, and a previous determination has no influence on future determinations.

Questions regarding the action this office has taken during the processing of your request may be directed to our FOIA service center at (202) 685-0412.

Sincerely,

ROBIN PATTERSON

Head, DON PA/FOIA Program Office

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